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1. One of the principal links in the chain of communications between Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) leaders in Bolivia and Argentina is Dr. Jose Montano T., a Bolivian physician who now lives in La Quiaca, Argentina, just across the border from Villazon, Bolivia.*
2. The Argentine authorities have been requested to remove Montano from the border area, but no action has been taken on these requests.
3. Senora Alicia B. de Zalles, the wife of Guillermo Zalles, prominent La Paz businessman and manager of the firm Compania Importadora Boliviana (CIBO), has been arrested for serving as an MNR courier between Bolivia and Argentina and for having close and immoral association with MNR exiles and leaders. One of these leaders, according to source, was Gustavo Chacon, now in Chile. No derogatory information has been obtained on Guillermo Zalles, who is getting a divorce from his wife.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Dr. Montano is identical with a "Dr. Pedro Montano" of Villazon, previously reported as a principal link in the MNR courier chain to Argentina. The correct name is Jose and not Pedro.

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